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HS ALERT Water Operations Training Research 2014

Grant Announcement

**Applications must be submitted through
Egrants on or before October 23, 2015**



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The Egrants system user guide has step-by-step instructions for accessing and using the Egrants online system. The guide is posted on the grants page of the WEM website:

<https://egrants.emergencymanagement.wi.gov/egmis/EgrantsExternalUserGuide9-12-2014WEM.pdf>

Online Help is available throughout the Egrants application process. Once you have started an application, look for the HELP button in the top right corner of the screen. Page-specific instructions can be found there.

Grant Announcement Summary

Grant Title: HS ALERT Water Operations Training Research 2014

Description: The grant will fund three agencies in the amount of \$2,000 per each person to be sent to a Water Operations Training course in West Palm Bay, Florida, December 14-19 to be trained as an assistant instructor for future training in Wisconsin.

Opportunity Category: Limited Eligibility

Important Dates:

Application Due Date: October 23, 2015

Project Start Date: November 4, 2015

Project End Date: December 31, 2015

Anticipated Funding Amount: As approved by the Homeland Security Funding Advisory Committee, the dollar amount available under this funding opportunity is \$6,000.00.

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement: The funding amount will cover lodging, travel, meals, and equipment expenses. The agency will provide the remaining funding for the students if costs exceed the grant award amount.

Eligibility: The following three agencies are the only eligible applicants. Each agency will receive funding to support one staff member's attendance at the training.

- Brown County Sheriff's Office
- Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office
- Superior Police Department

DUNS Number: The federal government now requires a DUNS number as part of the grant application to keep track of how federal grant money is awarded and dispersed. If your organization needs to obtain a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. You can also search this site if you cannot find your agency's number. Under normal circumstances, a new account can be created in 24-72 hours. The federal government has published DUNS Frequently Asked Questions at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayFAQPage.do>. Check with your agency's financial office before registering for a DUNS number - it is likely your agency already has one.

WEM cannot award grant funds until an active DUNS number is provided.

Eligible Expenses: Funding may be used for travel/training and equipment costs that allow the attendees to participate in the water operations training.

All expenses must be new and cannot replace existing state or local government funding. Substitution of existing funds with federal grants (supplanting) will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

HS ALERT Water Operations Training Research 2014

Program Description

Wisconsin Emergency Management is providing funding for two ALERT team SWAT leaders to attend training in West Palm Bay, Florida for tactical water operations. The course will provide instruction for SWAT operators to function on any body of water regardless of size. The funding will be for transportation, lodging, meals and necessary equipment for the operators to use in class. The attendees will evaluate the course and then assist with training when it is conducted in Wisconsin in the future.

Submit Applications Using Egrants

Applications must be submitted through the Egrants online grants management system. If you have never used Egrants before, you will need to register for access to the system. To register online, go to <http://register.wisconsin.gov/AccountManagement/> and complete the 'self registration' process.

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity. The WEM help desk is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm if you need assistance. (Please note: If you register outside of these hours, access may not be approved until the next business day.) Once your Egrants access has been approved, you may begin your online grant application.

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Application Components

Through Egrants, you will provide WEM with detailed information about your project that will be used to make a funding decision. Questions on what is expected in each section can be directed to Rod Stearns at (715) 829-7142 or rod.stearns@wisconsin.gov.

1. Main Summary

This page asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the floating HELP button. Please note: When identifying individuals involved in this grant, you may not list the same person as project director and financial officer. The financial officer is the individual responsible for financial activities in your organization while the project director will oversee project operations.

In the Brief Project Description text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less. A suggested format is included for your convenience:

“Funds will be used by the (your agency name and others involved in the project) to (describe what funds will be used for and who will be involved). The (what - equipment, training, project, pilot, etc.) will (describe the specific goals you hope to achieve – how will the project or equipment improve safety in Wisconsin?) [If appropriate, add which area(s) of the state will benefit]”

Responses to this section will be used on the WEM website, cited in WEM reports and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

2. Approval Checklist

Answer Yes, No, or N/A (not applicable) to each question.

3. Performance Measures

Please open this section and change the page status to Complete; then SAVE the page.

Performance Measures will be identified and collected during post-award reporting rather than through this funding application process.

4. Budget Detail

Complete a project budget using the following categories. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during the course of the grant period. It is important that you include specific details for each budget line item, including cost calculations.

Travel/Training: Any travel and/or training costs associated with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change. Current rates for in-state travel at the time of this announcement include:

- Mileage: \$0.51/mile
- Lodging: Maximum \$134/night (Brevard County FL)
- Meals: \$10/breakfast (leaving before 6 a.m.); \$15/lunch (leaving before 10:30 a.m. and returning after 2:30 p.m.); \$25/dinner (returning after 7 p.m.)

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda and attendance list.)

Equipment: Homeland Security equipment grants require that all equipment (regardless the cost) be entered in this category so that applicants can select from authorized equipment lists. Equipment is defined as items used for prevention, emergency response, and recovery operations.

Application Review and Award Criteria

All applications must be submitted on or before the deadline and will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement. WEM staff will review applications to ensure consistency with statewide strategies and make funding recommendations to the Adjutant General. All final grant award decisions will be made by the Adjutant General.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

If you are awarded funds under this announcement, you will be required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for your reports will be included in your grant award materials. At that time, please review all of your grant award special conditions and Egrants reporting requirements.

1. Each attendee will provide a summary of training and recommendation for whether or not ALERT teams should be trained on this subject. This report will be uploaded into the final Egrants program report.
2. Both the agency receiving this grant funding and ALERT member who is trained in the Water Operations class in Florida agree that the trained ALERT member will participate, as an assistant trainer, in future Water Operations classes taught in Wisconsin to ALERT agencies.

Additional Resources

Additional information about the Wisconsin Emergency Management and resources to assist with Egrants is available as follows:

- Wisconsin Emergency Management website: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>
- A helpful Egrants User Guide is posted on the Egrants page of the WEM website: <https://egrants.emergencymanagement.wi.gov/egmis/EgrantsExternalUserGuide9-12-2014WEM.pdf>

It includes registration through grant award instructions.

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